AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Cancelled).

2. (Currently Amended) A fiber reinforced plastic pipe reduced in thickness and increased in diameter by pultrusion process, comprising

a fiber bundle ~~which~~ containing fibers ~~are and~~ aligned in a longitudinal direction, and

a ~~single~~ circumferential reinforced fiber sheet provided ~~at least either~~ both on an outer surface layer [[or]] and on an inner surface layer thereof, wherein

the pipe has a slit, capable of being reduced in diameter along the circumference, provided in the longitudinal direction, such that said fiber reinforced plastic pipe can be inserted into a metal pipe, and

wherein the circumferential reinforced fiber sheet prevents tensile strain from developing in the circumferential direction of the pipe.

3. (Currently Amended) The fiber reinforced plastic pipe according to claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein

a tensile elasticity of fibers forming said fiber bundle is 196 GPa or more.

4. (Currently Amended) The fiber reinforced plastic pipe according to claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein

a tensile elasticity of fibers forming said circumferential reinforced fiber sheet is 58.8 GPa or more.

5. (Currently Amended) The fiber reinforced plastic pipe according to claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein

a basis weight (FAW) of said circumferential reinforced fiber sheet is in the range of 100 g/m^2 to 600 g/m^2.

6. (Currently Amended) The fiber reinforced plastic pipe according to claim [[1 or]] 2, wherein

a thickness of said circumferential reinforced fiber sheet is in the range of 0.05 mm to 1.0 mm.

7. (Currently Amended) A power transmission shaft comprising a metal joint element and a metal pipe jointed to each other, wherein

the shaft further comprises a fiber reinforced plastic pipe inserted into said metal pipe, said fiber reinforced plastic pipe being reduced in thickness and increased in diameter by pultrusion process, comprising a fiber bundle ~~which~~ containing fibers ~~are~~ ~~and~~ aligned in a longitudinal direction, and a ~~single~~ circumferential reinforced fiber sheet provided ~~at least either~~ both on an outer surface layer [[or]] and on an inner surface layer thereof,

wherein the circumferential reinforced fiber sheet prevents tensile strain from developing in the circumferential direction of the pipe.

8. (Currently Amended) A power transmission shaft comprising a metal joint element and a metal pipe jointed to each other, wherein

the shaft further comprises a fiber reinforced plastic pipe inserted into said metal pipe, said fiber reinforced plastic pipe being reduced in thickness and increased in diameter by pultrusion process, comprising a fiber bundle ~~which~~ containing fibers ~~are~~ and aligned in a longitudinal direction, and a ~~single~~ circumferential reinforced fiber sheet provided ~~at least either~~ both on an outer surface layer [[or]] and on an inner surface layer, the pipe having a slit, capable of being reduced in diameter along the circumference, provided in the longitudinal direction,

wherein the circumferential reinforced fiber sheet prevents tensile strain from developing in the circumferential direction of the pipe.

9. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 8, wherein the slit has a width of 0.01% or more and 40% or less of the outer circumference thereof in a natural state.

10. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 8 or 9, wherein said slit has a bias angle within ±30 degrees with respect to an axial direction of said fiber reinforced plastic pipe.

11. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 8, wherein a value of D_1/D_2 is greater than 1 and equal to 1.3 or less, where D_1 is an outer diameter of said fiber reinforced plastic pipe and D_2 is an inner diameter of said metal pipe.

12. (Previously Presented) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein

a tensile elasticity of fibers forming said fiber bundle is 196 GPa or more.

13. (Previously Presented) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein

a tensile elasticity of fibers forming said circumferential reinforced fiber sheet is 58.8 GPa or more.

14. (Previously Presented) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein

a basis weight (FAW) of said circumferential reinforced fiber sheet is in the range of 100 g/m^2 to 600 g/m^2.

15. (Previously Presented) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein

a thickness of said circumferential reinforced fiber sheet is in the range of 0.05 mm to 1.0 mm.

16. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein said fiber reinforced plastic pipe has a layered structure of 20 layers or less.

17. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein

a value of FL/PL is 0.1 or more and 1.0 or less, where PL is a length of said metal pipe and FL is a length of said fiber reinforced plastic pipe.

18. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein a value of t_2/t_1 is 0.01 or more and 10 or less, where t_1 is a thickness of said metal pipe and t_2 is a thickness of said fiber reinforced plastic pipe.

19. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein said fiber reinforced plastic pipe is fixed to said metal pipe by reducing said metal pipe in diameter along the outer circumference by plastic-working, with said fiber reinforced plastic pipe being inserted in said metal pipe.

20. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 7 or 8, wherein said fiber reinforced plastic pipe is fixed to said metal pipe with an adhesive.

21. (Original) The power transmission shaft according to claim 20, wherein

a recessed portion for accommodating adhesive is provided at least on any one of an outer circumference of said fiber reinforced plastic pipe or an inner circumference of said metal pipe.